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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 17, 2007,

Applicant attaches the enclosed claim sheet pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c).

A brief summary of the prosecution history is presented as to the status of each claim.

Claims 12, 16, and 20-22 were canceled on October 18, 2006. New claims 12 and 16 were added on the same date. No substantive amendments were made to the claims during such amendment. The examiner renumbered the claims on February 16, 2007, as follows: Claims 1-12 remained as numbered in the original application; new claim 13 and claims 14, 15 and 16 became claims 14, 15, 16, and 17; and new claim 16 and claims 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 became claims 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, and 24, respectively. Accordingly, it is counsel's understanding that prior to the present amendment, claims 1-11 and new claims 13 and 18 had "original" status; claims 12, 17, and 22-24 had "canceled" status; and claims 14-16 and 19-21 had "previously presented" status based upon the examiner's amendment dated February 16, 2007.